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(b) The information available is furnished below :—

Periyakulam Municipal Council.

One member (nominated) from 10th May 1921 to 10th May 1924 and from 1st July 1924 to 24th October 1926.

Palamcottah Municipal Council.

One member (nominated) from 6th May 1921 to 6th May 1924 and from 8th July 1924 to 8th July 1927.

Conjeeveram Municipal Council.

One member (elected) from 1st November 1924 to 1st November 1927.

- (c) 6·8 per cent of the total population of the municipality.
- (d) Three elected and two nominated.
- (e) Twenty-one.
- (f) The information is not available.
- (g) The question will be considered.

Agriculture

Fertilization of soils with indigenous manures.

* 1493 Q.—MR. C. GOPALA MENON: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether fertilization of soils with indigenous and artificial manures is being followed in the demonstration farms conducted by the Agricultural Department;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether he will be pleased to lay on the table of the House a statement showing the comparative figures of yield for the past one or two years;

(c) what efforts are being made to popularize the use of chemical manures;

(d) whether bottomless cisterns of reinforced concrete are used for experiments on paddy cultivation to find out the general manurial requirements of paddy, especially paddy grown on a heavy clay soil, and what the results obtained are for the past one or two years; and

(e) whether he is aware that such cisterns are being used in the State of Mysore for these experiments?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The department has obtained the following results :—

Paddy responds very well to nitrogenous and phosphatic manures, but response to potash on a majority of our soils may be considered nil. Amongst organic manures, green manures are found to be the most efficient and cheapest. Amongst artificials, sulphate of ammonia and calcium cyanamide have been found useful as sources of nitrogen. Amongst phosphatic manures, bone-meal has given very good results especially in combination with green manures. Trichy phosphates in combination with organic manures or with soluble mineral nitrogenous manures have been found to be useful in a few instances. Super phosphates have been found useful in some soils.

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- (c) It has not yet been conclusively proved that chemical manures are beneficial in all cases. With this limitation, the Agricultural Department are giving supplying firms every facility to sell their manures and to demonstrate their value while insisting upon their use in conjunction with organic manures. Ryots are advised how to use these manures and when depots have been opened by supplying firms in many localities and they are working in close conjunction with the Agricultural Department. Literature has been published and more is in preparation explaining to ryots just how these manures can be used and their limitation.
- (d) Bottomless cisterns made of Cuddapah slabs formed by sinking them into the soil are used for preliminary investigation, but field experiments form the more important feature of experimental work to find out the manurial requirements of any crop.
- (e) Yes.

Industries

Lease of lands to the East India China Clay Company.

* 1494 Q.—MR. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the East India China Clay Company is to the knowledge of the Government the only Indian firm started with a view to manufacture refined china clay;

(b) whether it is a fact that the company has till now sunk some capital in the enterprise and that a factory is in the course of construction at Kodalnagar village near Tiruvattipuram, Cheyyar taluk, North Arcot district;

(c) whether it is a fact that the said company has applied for lease of lands in Pappanthangal village, Cheyyar taluk, North Arcot district, and Tiruvendipuram village, South Arcot district, for the development of china clay industry;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Collectors of the respective districts have refused the lease; if so, on what grounds;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the said company has stated in a review petition to the Collector of North Arcot and an appeal to the Board of Revenue against the orders of the Collectors of North and South Arcot districts that it will be satisfied if half of the area in Papanthangal village is leased to it; and

(f) whether, in view of the fact that the firm is an Indian firm, the Government propose to help it in this new enterprise?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government are informed that the facts are as stated.

(c), (d) & (e) The Government have received representations from the company and they have called for a report.

(f) The question of rendering assistance to the company will be considered on a definite application made by it under the State Aid to Industries Act.

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Religious and Charitable Endowments

Amending Bill to the Hindu Religious Endowments Act.

* 1495 Q.—MR. P. ANJANEYULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether any memorials or other representations were received from the Guntur Mandala Archaka Mahajana Sangham, Tenali, or from any representative thereof requesting the Government to issue orders to the effect that all schemes touching their interests be stopped pending consideration of the proposed amending Bill to the Hindu Religious Endowments Act ;

(b) if so, what orders have been passed thereon ; and

(c) when the Government will introduce the amending Bill ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Government have declined to comply with the requests contained in the memorials.

(c) The draft Bill submitted by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board is under scrutiny. The Bill will be introduced as soon as the scrutiny is finished.

Rao Bahadur K. SITARAMA REDDI :—“ May we know the probable date when the scrutiny will be over ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ I cannot say, Sir.”

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Civil Justice

Proposed increase in the number of Permanent High Court Judges.

1496 Q.—BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have sent a proposal to the Secretary of State to increase the number of permanent Judges in the High Court of Judicature at Madras by two ;

(b) if so, whether the Secretary of State has sanctioned the proposal ; and if not, at what state the proposal now stands and when the Government expect orders from the Secretary of State ;

(c) whether it is a fact that pending the receipt of orders from the Secretary of State, the Government propose to continue the present arrangement of temporary Judges in the High Court ; and

(d) whether the Government have examined the necessity for increasing the number of permanent Judges in the High Court of Madras, and if so, whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table the facts and figures on the basis of which the Government have arrived at this decision ?

A.—(a) The Government requested the Governor-General in Council to move the Secretary of State to make permanent the two temporary additional judgeships of the Madras High Court.

(b) & (c) Pending consideration of and without prejudice to the question of permanent strength of the High Court the Governor-General in Council has sanctioned on behalf of the Secretary of State in Council the continuance of the two temporary additional judges for two years from the 22nd December 1927.

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- (d) Yes. The hon. Member is referred to the "Statistics of Civil Courts in the Madras Presidency for the year 1926" and the "Statistics of Criminal Courts in the Madras Presidency for the year 1926" which have been placed on the Editors' Table.

Collectorates

Proposed location of the Collectorate offices in the Cantonment building in Poonamallee.

1497 Q.—Mr. A. PARASURAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether there was any proposal to locate the Collectorate offices, etc., of Chingleput district in the Cantonment building in Poonamallee town;

(b) whether the Military authorities were consulted in the matter; if so, with what result;

(c) what is the cost of the Military Cantonment buildings situated in the Poonamallee town;

(d) how long they have been vacant;

(e) how long the buildings were occupied after they were constructed;

(f) what is the cost of the establishment for its present upkeep; and

(g) whether the idea of locating the Collectorate offices in these buildings has been given up; if so, why?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. The Government of India (Army Department) were prepared to consider the question.

(c), (d), (e) & (f) This Government is not in a position to answer these questions. The information would be with the Army Department of the Government of India.

(g) Yes; as the proposal would involve

(i) the removal of the District Superintendent of Police and the armed reserve to Poonamallee and the location of the headquarters of the Collector and the District Superintendent of Police six miles away from the nearest Railway station;

(ii) extensive alterations to the barracks and the construction of quarters for the Collector, the District Superintendent of Police and their staff.

Land Revenue

Alleged auction of R.S. No. 29 of Nagarapadi village.

1498 Q.—Swami A. S. SAHAJANANDAM: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that R.S. No. 29 of Nagarapadi village, Chidambaram taluk, has been auctioned on 17th June 1924; and

(b) if so, what is the necessity for issuing notice that the same land is to be auctioned again in the near future?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no information about the case. No representation has been received on the subject.